

**City of Shreveport City Court
Shreveport, Louisiana
Financial Statements With Auditors' Report
As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2010**

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Independent Auditors' Report

City of Shreveport City Court
Shreveport, Louisiana


We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Shreveport City Court, a component unit of the City of Shreveport, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the City of Shreveport City Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Shreveport City Court's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Shreveport City Court as of December 31, 2010, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated May 18, 2011, on our consideration of the City of Shreveport City Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 – 7 and on pages 21 – 22 are not required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.



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Certified Public Accountants
May 18, 2011

CITY OF SHREVEPORT CITY COURT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of City of Shreveport City Court's financial performance provides an overview of the City Court's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. Please read it in conjunction with the City's financial statements, which begin on page 8.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The City Court's net assets increased by \$164,629 or 3%.

The City Court's total program revenues were \$781,295 in 2010 compared to \$667,646 in 2009.

During the year ended December 31, 2010, the City Court had total expenses, excluding depreciation, of \$561,134, compared to \$402,656 in 2009.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities (on pages 8 and 9) provide information about the activities of the City Court as a whole. Fund financial statements start on page 10. For governmental activities, these statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City Court's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the City Court's most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which the City Court acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the City Court. The City Court judges are independently elected officials. However, the City Court is fiscally dependent on the City of Shreveport for office space, courtrooms, and related utility costs, as well as substantially all funding of salary and related employee benefit costs. Because the City Court is fiscally dependent on the City of Shreveport, the City Court was determined to be a component unit of the City of Shreveport. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the City Court.

Reporting the Funds Maintained by the City Court as a Whole

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities

Our analysis of the funds maintained by the City Court as a whole begins on page 8. One of the most important questions asked about the City Court's finances is "Is the City Court as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information about the funds maintained by the City Court as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the *accrual basis of accounting*, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the City Court's *net assets* and changes in them. You can think of the City Court's net assets – the difference between assets and liabilities – as one way to measure the City Court's financial health, or *financial position*. Over time, *increases* or *decreases* in the City Court's net assets are one indicator of whether its *financial health* is improving or deteriorating.

In the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, we record the funds maintained by the City Court as governmental activities:

Governmental activities – all of the expenses paid from the funds maintained by the City Court are reported here which consists primarily of certain materials and supplies, travel, repairs and maintenance and other program services. These represent expenses not paid out of the City of Shreveport's budget for judicial expenses. Fines, fees for services and interest income finance most of these activities.

Reporting the Most Significant Funds Maintained by the City Court

Our analysis of the major funds maintained by the City Court begins on page 10. The fund financial statements begin on page 10 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds maintained by the City Court – not the City Court as a whole. However, the City Court establishes other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes (like the probation fund) to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain fees. The City Court's *governmental funds* use the following accounting approaches.

Governmental funds – All of the City Court's expenses are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called *modified accrual* accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term view* of the City Court's general government operations and the expenses paid from those funds. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance certain City Court expenses. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental *activities* (reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities) and governmental *funds* in a reconciliation at the bottom of the fund financial statements.

The City Court as Trustee

The City Court is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for its civil division, traffic violation bureau, and a portion of the small claims fund. All of the City Court's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets on page 12. We exclude these activities from the City Court's other financial statements because the City Court cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The City Court is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

THE FUNDS MAINTAINED BY THE CITY COURT AS A WHOLE

The City Court's total net assets changed from a year ago, increasing from \$5,315,224, (as restated) to \$5,479,853. In comparison, last year net assets increased \$187,254. Our analysis below will focus on key elements of the total governmental funds for the 2010 and 2009 years.

Table 1
Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2010</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2009</u>
Current assets	\$ 5,439,409	\$ 4,956,816
Capital assets	<u>300,782</u>	<u>377,218</u>
Total assets	<u>5,740,191</u>	<u>5,334,034</u>
Current liabilities	<u>260,338</u>	<u>18,810</u>
Net assets:		
Investments in capital assets	300,782	377,218
Restricted	1,751,664	1,601,930
Unrestricted	<u>3,427,407</u>	<u>3,336,076</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,479,853</u>	<u>\$ 5,315,224</u>

Net assets of the funds maintained by the City Court's governmental activities increased by \$164,629 or 3%. Unrestricted net assets, the part of net assets that can be used to finance City Court expenses without constraints or other legal requirements increased by \$91,331 from \$3,336,076 at December 31, 2009 to \$3,427,407 at December 31, 2010.

Table 2
Change in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities <u>2010</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2009</u>
Revenues		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for services, fines and fees \$	781,295	\$ 667,646
Interest income	16,381	16,795
Miscellaneous income	<u>12,909</u>	<u>7,700</u>
Total revenues	810,585	692,141
Expenses		
General governmental – judicial	<u>645,956</u>	<u>504,887</u>
Increases in net assets	<u>\$ 164,629</u>	<u>\$ 187,254</u>

For the funds maintained by the City Court, total revenues increased \$118,444, or 17%, from total revenues in 2009 of \$692,141 to total revenues of \$810,585 in 2010. For the funds maintained by the City Court, program revenues increased \$113,649, or 17%, from program revenue in 2009 of \$667,646 to program revenue of \$781,295 in 2010.

FUNDS MAINTAINED BY THE CITY COURT

For the funds maintained by the City Court, the governmental funds (as presented on pages 10-11) reported a combined fund balance of \$5,175,201 which is an increase of \$241,065 from last year.

Budgetary Highlights

The City Court adopted a budget for its General Fund and special revenue funds for the year ended December 31, 2010. There were three amendments to the budget during the year. The City Court's budgetary comparison is presented as required supplementary information and shown on pages 21 and 22. Highlights for the year are as follows:

- Expenditures were over budget due to higher than expected legal and postage expenses.

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of 2010, the City Court had invested \$300,782 in capital assets from those funds maintained by the City Court. (see table 3 below)

**Table 3
Capital Assets At Year End**

	Governmental Activities 2010	Governmental Activities 2009
Computer equipment	\$ 55,631	\$ 75,505
Office equipment	34,379	63,863
Office furniture and improvements	199,960	223,222
Vehicles	<u>10,812</u>	<u>14,628</u>
Total	<u>\$ 300,782</u>	<u>\$ 377,218</u>

This year's major additions included:

Computer equipment	\$ 3,519	\$ 12,117
Office equipment	-	1,078
Office furniture and improvements	<u>5,261</u>	<u>699</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,780</u>	<u>\$ 13,894</u>

More detail information about the capital assets are presented in Note 5 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The City Court's elected judges and appointed officials considered many factors when setting a fiscal year 2011 budget. Amounts available for appropriation in the governmental funds are expected to remain the same as the revenues available in 2010 which was approximately \$810,000.

It is anticipated that the governmental funds' fund balance will increase modestly by the close of 2011. For those funds maintained by the City Court, the City Court will use those revenues for program costs which are not budgeted by the City of Shreveport for the City Court. The City Court has added no major new programs or initiatives to be funded in 2011.

CONTACTING THE CITY COURT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the finances for those funds maintained by the City Court and to show the City Court's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Shreveport City Court, Clerk of Court, Judicial Administrators' office at 1244 Texas Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

City of Shreveport City Court
Shreveport, Louisiana
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2010

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,304,886
Investments	100,000
Accounts receivable	30,473
Prepaid expenses	4,050
Total current assets	<u>5,439,409</u>
Capital assets (net)	<u>300,782</u>
Total assets	<u>5,740,191</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	<u>260,338</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>260,338</u>
NET ASSETS	
Investment in capital assets	300,782
Restricted for:	
Probation	1,741,792
Pro Bono	9,872
Unrestricted	<u>3,427,407</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 5,479,853</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Shreveport City Court
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Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	<u>Functions / Programs</u>			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Judicial</u>	<u>Probation</u>	<u>Pro Bono</u>
<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>				
Expenses:				
Materials and supplies	\$ 156,564	\$ 149,924	\$ 6,640	\$
Travel	34,512	33,930	582	
Depreciation	84,822	69,631	15,191	
Other program services	370,058	367,331	2,727	
Total expenses	645,956	620,816	25,140	
Program revenues:				
Charges for services - fines and fees	781,295	626,567	153,476	1,252
Net program revenue (expenses)	135,339	5,751	128,336	1,252
General revenues:				
Interest income	16,381			
Miscellaneous income	12,908			
Total general revenues	29,290			
Change in net assets	164,629			
Net assets - beginning, restated	5,315,224			
Net assets - ending	\$ 5,479,853			

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Shreveport City Court
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Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2010

	Major Funds		Non-Major Fund	
	General	Other Governmental - Probation	Other Governmental - Pro Bono	Total Governmental Funds
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,562,475	\$ 1,732,539	\$ 9,872	\$ 5,304,886
Investments	100,000			100,000
Accounts receivable	21,220	9,253		30,473
Total assets	\$ 3,683,695	\$ 1,741,792	\$ 9,872	\$ 5,435,359
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 260,338	\$	\$	\$ 260,338
Total liabilities	260,338			260,338
Fund balances				
Unreserved	3,423,357			3,423,357
Unreserved, special revenue		1,741,792	9,872	1,751,664
Total fund balances	3,423,357	1,741,792	9,872	5,175,021
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 3,683,695	\$ 1,741,792	\$ 9,872	

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities
are different because:

The nonallocation method of accounting for prepayments is used in the fund
statements, since the prepayment does not provide expendable financial
resources.

4,050

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources
and therefore are not reported in the funds.

300,782

Net assets of governmental activities

\$ 5,479,853

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Shreveport City Court
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Major Funds		Non-Major Fund	
		Other	Other	Total
	General	Governmental - Probation	Governmental - Pro Bono	Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Charges for services - fees and fines	\$ 626,567	\$ 153,476	\$ 1,252	\$ 781,295
Interest income	12,308	4,050	23	16,381
Miscellaneous income	12,027	882		12,909
Total revenues	<u>650,902</u>	<u>158,408</u>	<u>1,275</u>	<u>810,585</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Operating services	366,937	2,727		369,664
Materials and supplies	149,924	8,640		158,564
Travel and other charges	33,930	582		34,512
Capital outlay	8,780			8,780
Total expenditures	<u>559,571</u>	<u>9,949</u>		<u>569,520</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	91,331	148,459	1,275	241,065
Fund balances at beginning of year, restated	<u>3,332,026</u>	<u>1,593,333</u>	<u>8,597</u>	<u>4,933,956</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 3,423,357</u>	<u>\$ 1,741,792</u>	<u>\$ 9,872</u>	<u>\$ 5,175,021</u>

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 241,065
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (sales, trade-ins, disposals, etc.) is to increase net assets.	(394)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense (\$84,822) exceeded capital outlays (\$8,780) in the current period.	(76,042)
Change in net assets of governmental activities	<u>\$ 164,629</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

City of Shreveport City Court
Shreveport, Louisiana
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
Agency Funds
December 31, 2010

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,792,901
Investments	351,880
Accounts receivable	<u>200,000</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 2,344,781</u></u>
Liabilities	
Unsettled deposits due to others	<u>\$ 2,344,781</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>\$ 2,344,781</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

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Shreveport, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2010

INTRODUCTION

The City of Shreveport City Court represents the court system for the City of Shreveport. It is governed by the four independently elected judges from the four divisions of the City of Shreveport. The City Court maintains certain funds comprised of fines and fees collected which are authorized by various state statutes.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Shreveport City Court's financial statements are prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the City Court are discussed below.

A. Reporting Entity

The City Court judges are independently elected officials. However, the City Court is fiscally dependent on the City of Shreveport for office space, courtrooms, related utility costs, insurance, and substantially all salary and related employee benefit costs. Because the City Court is fiscally dependent on the city, the City Court was determined to be a component unit of the City of Shreveport, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the City Court and do not present information on the City of Shreveport, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements

The City Court's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the funds maintained by the City Court as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the City Court's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The City Court's cost account, criminal account, probation account, and pro bono account are classified as governmental activities. The City Court does not have any business-type activities. The government-wide statements include all funds of the City Court except for fiduciary funds.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables. The City Court's net assets are reported in three parts – invested in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted net assets.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the City Court's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (interest income). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, which must be directly associated with the function. Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from Court users as a fee

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for services. The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (interest income). This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the City Court as an entity and the change in the City Court's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

C. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the City Court are recorded in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the City Court:

1. **Governmental Funds** – the focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the City Court:
 - a. General funds are the general operating funds of the City Court. They are used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included in the City Court's general funds are the Cost Account and Criminal fund.
 - b. The special revenue fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The special revenue funds of the City Court are the Probation fund and Pro Bono fund.
2. **Fiduciary funds** – Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support City Court programs. The reporting focus is on net assets and changes in net assets and are reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Non-major funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB Statement No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category or the governmental and enterprise combined) for the determination of major funds. The City Court's general funds (cost and criminal funds) and the Probation fund are reported as major funds in the fund financial statements.

The City Court's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type. The only fiduciary funds of the City Court are agency funds, consisting of the Civil Division fund, Traffic Violations Bureau fund, and the Small Claims fund. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

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D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

The governmental funds in the government-wide financial statements and the fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Revenues of the City Court consist principally of interest income and fines and fees for services relating to court filings. Interest income is recorded when earned. Fines and fees for services are recorded when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual: i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. Depreciation is not recognized in the governmental fund financial statements.

E. Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

Cash includes amounts in petty cash, demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits with original maturities of ninety (90) days or less when purchased. Under state law, the City Court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments are limited by R.S. 33:2955 and the City's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed ninety (90) days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are ninety (90) days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

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F. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$500 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Computer equipment	5 years
Office equipment	5-15 years
Office furniture and improvements	7-20 years

G. Net Assets

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation adopted by the City Court or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The Court's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

H. Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Restatement of Net Assets

Net assets at December 31, 2010 were restated to correct bond fee revenue, as follows:

Net assets, December 31, 2010, previously reported	\$ 5,277,577
Correction of bond fee revenue	<u>37,647</u>
Net assets, December 31, 2010, restated	<u>\$ 5,315,224</u>

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(3) Budgets

The City Court uses the following budget practices:

1. The Judicial Administrator prepares an operating budget for the general funds and each special revenue fund.
2. The budget is available for public inspection prior to adoption.
3. The budget is adopted by the four independently elected judges.
4. The budget may be revised during the year.
5. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

(4) Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments

At December 31, 2010, the City Court has cash, cash equivalents, and investments (book balances) totaling \$7,549,867 as detailed below.

A. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Petty cash	\$ 61
Demand deposits	7,015,237
Certificates of deposits	<u>82,489</u>
	<u>\$ 7,097,787</u>

Reconciliation to government-wide Statement of Net Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,304,886
Agency funds (not on government-wide statements)	<u>1,792,901</u>
	<u>\$ 7,097,787</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank.

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B. Investments

At December 31, 2010, the City had investments totaling \$451,880 as follows:

Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$ 451,880</u>
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Reconciliation to government-wide Statement of Net Assets:

Certificates of Deposits	\$ 100,000
Agency funds (not on government-wide statements)	<u>351,880</u>
	<u>\$ 451,880</u>

The certificates of deposit have initial maturities greater than 90 days and are carried at cost, which approximates market.

C. Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The City Court does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2010, \$6,624,578 of the government's bank balance of \$7,557,067 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and collateral held by the pledging bank's trust department not in the City Court's name	<u>\$ 6,624,578</u>
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Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the clerk that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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(6) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2010, was as follows:

	Balance at Jan. 1, 2010	Additions	Deletions	Balance at Dec. 31, 2010
Governmental Activities:				
Computer equipment	\$ 213,284	\$ 3,519	\$ (3,945)	\$ 212,858
Office equipment	157,578	—	—	154,473
Office furniture and improvements	592,572	5,261	(3,105)	597,833
Vehicles	38,160	—	—	38,160
Totals at historical cost	<u>1,001,594</u>	<u>8,780</u>	<u>(7,050)</u>	<u>1,003,324</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Computer equipment	(137,779)	(22,999)	3,551	(157,227)
Office equipment	(93,715)	(26,379)	—	(120,094)
Office furniture and improvements	(369,350)	(31,628)	3,105	(397,873)
Vehicles	(23,532)	(3,816)	—	(27,348)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(624,376)</u>	<u>(84,822)</u>	<u>6,656</u>	<u>(702,542)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 377,218</u>	<u>\$(76,042)</u>	<u>\$(394)</u>	<u>\$ 300,782</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to Governmental Activities as follows:

Judicial expenses	\$ 69,631
Probation	15,191
	<u>\$ 84,822</u>

(6) Accounts Payable

Included in accounts payable of the General fund at December 31, 2010, is \$200,000 due to the Small Claims fund. This amount is also reflected in accounts receivable on the Small Claims agency fund.

(7) Risk Management

The City of Shreveport purchases commercial insurance to provide workers compensation and general liability and property insurance for the City Court. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year.

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(8) Changes in Agency Fund Balances

A summary of changes in agency funds follows:

	Balance at Jan. 1, 2010	Additions	Reductions	Balance at Dec. 31, 2010
Civil Division	\$ 1,560,267	\$ 1,234,011	\$ 1,171,630	\$ 1,622,648
Violations Bureau	156,475	2,298,857	2,246,782	208,550
Small Claims	497,777	267,516	251,710	513,583
	<u>\$ 2,214,519</u>	<u>\$ 3,800,384</u>	<u>\$ 3,670,122</u>	<u>\$ 2,344,781</u>

(9) Expenditures of the City Court Paid by the City of Shreveport

The City of Shreveport provides office space, courtrooms, related utility costs, insurance, and substantially all salary and related employee benefit costs. No amounts have been recognized in the accompanying financial statements for expenditures paid by the City of Shreveport.

(10) Leases

The City Court leases certain equipment under operating leases. Rental costs on those leases for the year ended December 31, 2010, were \$20,773.

Commitments under lease agreements having initial remaining terms in excess of one year are as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31,	
2011	\$ 20,767
2012	20,767
2013	12,061
2014	11,232
2015	11,232
Total minimum future rentals	<u>\$ 76,059</u>

(11) Contingencies

The City Court is the defendant in several lawsuits of which the ultimate outcome is unknown at this time. In the opinion of legal counsel, the amount of any damages awarded in excess of insurance coverage cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

(12) Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 18, 2011, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance-
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Charges for services -				
fees and fines	\$ 580,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 626,567	\$ 91,567
Interest income	13,200	11,700	12,308	608
Miscellaneous income	2,000	62,000	12,027	(49,973)
Total revenues	<u>595,200</u>	<u>608,700</u>	<u>650,902</u>	<u>42,202</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Operating services	182,620	320,090	366,937	(46,847)
Materials and supplies	65,000	80,000	149,924	(69,924)
Travel and other charges	50,000	50,000	33,930	16,070
Capital outlay	3,000	1,000	8,780	(7,780)
Total expenditures	<u>300,620</u>	<u>451,090</u>	<u>559,571</u>	<u>(108,481)</u>
Excess of revenues				
over expenditures	294,580	157,610	91,331	(66,279)
Fund balances at beginning of year			<u>3,332,026</u>	<u>3,332,026</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 294,580</u>	<u>\$ 157,610</u>	<u>\$ 3,423,357</u>	<u>\$ 3,265,747</u>

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
Probation Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance-
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Favorable
				(Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Charges for services - fees and fines	\$ 151,620	\$ 160,000	\$ 154,358	\$ (5,642)
Interest income	3,900	4,000	4,050	50
Total revenues	155,520	164,000	158,408	(5,592)
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Operating services	250	5,000	2,727	2,273
Materials and supplies	1,500	2,200	6,640	(4,440)
Travel and other charges	650	900	582	318
Total expenditures	2,400	8,100	9,949	(1,849)
Excess of revenues over expenditures	153,120	155,900	148,459	(7,441)
Fund balances at beginning of year			1,593,333	1,593,333
Fund balances at end of year	\$ 153,120	\$ 155,900	\$ 1,741,792	\$ 1,585,892

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The City Court's budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis for all funds. There were three amendments to the 2010 budget. Budget comparison statements included in the accompanying financial statements include the original and final amended budgets.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, the General fund and the Probation fund had excess expenditures over appropriations of \$108,481 and \$1,849, respectively.

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Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

City of Shreveport City Court
Shreveport, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Shreveport City Court as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, which collectively comprise the City of Shreveport City Court's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 18, 2011. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Shreveport City Court's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Shreveport City Court's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Shreveport City Court's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying schedule for Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Current Year Audit Findings, as Items 2010-1, 2010-2, 2010-4, 2010-5, and 2010-6 that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City of Shreveport City Court's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule for the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Current Year Audit Findings, as item 2010-3.

The City of Shreveport City Court's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule for Louisiana Legislative Auditor, Current Year Audit Findings. We did not audit the City of Shreveport City Court's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the State of Louisiana and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Cook & Morehart
Certified Public Accountants
May 18, 2011

City of Shreveport City Court
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Schedule For Louisiana Legislative Auditor
December 31, 2010

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

There were three findings in the prior audit for the year ended December 31, 2009, as follows:

Reference No.: 2009-1

**Description of Significant
Deficiency:**

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring, and for the fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, including the notes to financial statements, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. As part of the audit, management requested us to prepare a draft of your financial statements, including the related notes to financial statements. This condition is intentional by management based upon the agency's financial complexity, along with the cost effectiveness of acquiring the ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Management reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements prior to their issuance.

Recommendation:

Whether or not it would be cost effective to cure a control deficiency is not a factor in applying Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 115's reporting requirements. Because prudent management requires that the potential benefit from an internal control must exceed its cost, it may not be practical to correct all the deficiencies an auditor reports under SAS 115. In this case we do not believe that curing the significant deficiency described above would be cost effective or practical and accordingly do not believe any corrective action is necessary.

Current Status:

See repeat comment in current year audit.

Reference No.: 2009-2

Condition:

The City Court maintains a computerized system for tracking amounts received and disbursed for the Civil and Small Claims agency funds. However, this system is not being reconciled to the agency's general ledgers.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the existing computer system generate reports which will allow for an efficient reconciliation of the suit ledgers to the general ledger on a timely basis.

Current Status:

See repeat comment in current year audit.

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Reference No.: 2009-3

Condition: During our audit, we noted that deposits were not always being made timely to the various funds of the City Court.

Recommendation: We recommend that internal controls be established whereby all funds collected by the City Court are deposited on a timely basis.

Current Status: Improvement noted.

Corrective Action Plan For Current Year Audit Findings

Reference No.: 2010-1

Description of Significant Deficiency: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls, including monitoring, and for the fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows, including the notes to financial statements, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. As part of the audit, management requested us to prepare a draft of your financial statements, including the related notes to financial statements. This condition is intentional by management based upon the agency's financial complexity, along with the cost effectiveness of acquiring the ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Management reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements prior to their issuance.

Recommendation: Whether or not it would be cost effective to cure a control deficiency is not a factor in applying Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 115's reporting requirements. Because prudent management requires that the potential benefit from an internal control must exceed its cost, it may not be practical to correct all the deficiencies an auditor reports under SAS 115. In this case we do not believe that curing the significant deficiency described above would be cost effective or practical and accordingly do not believe any corrective action is necessary.

Corrective Action Planned: We agree that curing the deficiency of not having internal controls over the preparation of year-end adjusting entries and financial statements may not be cost effective or practical for the Court.

Name of Contact Person: Virginia Hester, Court Administrator

Anticipated Completion Date: September 30, 2011

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Reference No.: 2010-2

Criteria: The City Court should have a system in place to properly account for amounts received and disbursed in the Civil and Small Claims agency funds.

Condition: The City Court maintains a computerized system for tracking amounts received and disbursed for the Civil and Small Claims agency funds. However, this system is not being reconciled to the agency's general ledgers.

Cause: The computerized system which the City Court utilizes is not currently generating reports which allow for the reconciliation of the Civil and Small Claims agency funds to the general ledger in an efficient manner.

Effect: Failure to reconcile the suit ledgers to the general ledger increases the risk that errors and / or irregularities may occur and not be detected.

Recommendation: We recommend that the existing computer system generate reports which will allow for an efficient reconciliation of the suit ledgers to the general ledger on a timely basis.

Corrective Action Planned: We agree with this recommendation. The Court has a large number of such cases and is trying to get unsettled cases with monies on account so that monies may be refunded if applicable so that the accounts may be reconciled to the general ledger efficiently. We are also working with the software vendor to get reports generated to assist in this regard.

Name of Contact Person: Virginia Hester, Court Administrator

Anticipated Completion Date: September 30, 2011

Reference No.: 2010-3

Criteria: The Local Government Budget Act sets forth the requirements for appropriately adopting and amending budgets.

Condition: The City Court did not appropriately amend the budget for the General fund and Probation fund during the year. Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by more than 5% for the 2010 year.

Effect: The City Court was not in compliance with the Local Government Budget Act.

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Recommendation: We recommend that the City Court appropriately amend its budgets, as needed, to comply with the Local Government Budget Act.

Corrective Action Planned: The Court agrees with this recommendation and will be sure to amend its budgets throughout the year as needed.

Name of Contact Person: Virginia Hester, Court Administrator

Anticipated Completion Date: September 30, 2011

Reference No.: 2010-4

Criteria: GASB Statement 34 states that agency funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and, therefore, cannot be used to support the government's own programs.

Condition: During our audit, we noted that the City Court transferred \$200,000 from the Small Claims agency fund to its General fund to meet current needs. Since the Small Claims fund is an agency fund, it cannot be used to support the government's own operations.

Cause: The City Court needed cash flow for its General fund to meet current operating needs.

Effect: The City Court used agency funds to meet its own operating needs, rather than maintaining those funds in a trustee capacity for others.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City Court repay this amount from the General fund to the Small Claims fund. In addition, no transfers should be made in the future from agency funds to meet current operating needs.

Corrective Action Planned: The Court agrees with the recommendation and will not utilize these funds for the operation needs of the Court. This money has been returned to the Small Claims agency fund.

Name of Contact Person: Virginia Hester, Court Administrator

Anticipated Completion Date: September 30, 2011

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Reference No.: 2010-5

Criteria: Reports generated from the subsidiary system for the Violations fund should be in agreement with the deposits per the general ledger.

Condition: The City Court maintains a computerized system to track receipts for the Violations fund and disbursement of those receipts to the various recipient agencies. During our audit, we noted that receipts were not being entered into the subsidiary system correctly with regards to whether the receipt was in the form of cash, check, or credit card.

Effect: Since credit card receipts are deposited directly into a separate bank account, they are, therefore, not included in the daily deposits of cash and checks made for the Violations fund. Thus the reports printed from the system are not in agreement with the actual bank deposit made.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City Court implement procedures to ensure that receipts are posted properly in the subsidiary system, so that reports printed from that system are in agreement with the actual deposits made.

Corrective Action Planned: The Court agrees with this recommendation and is working on devising a Violations Bureau report relative to the subsidiary fund which will provide the daily deposits to match the general ledger.

Name of Contact Person: Virginia Hester, Court Administrator

Anticipated Completion Date: September 30, 2011

Reference No.: 2010-6

Criteria: The City Court should have a system in place for ensuring that its deposits are adequately secured at all times, as required by Louisiana Revised Statutes 39:1211-1245.

Condition: During our audit, we noted that the City Court did not have a process in place for ensuring that its deposits were adequately secured by one of its local depositing institutions. It was subsequently determined that the City Court's deposits were adequately secured as of December 31, 2010.

Effect: Without having procedures in place for ensuring deposits are adequately secured, the City Court may not be in compliance with Louisiana laws regarding the security of deposits.

Recommendation: We recommend that the City Court establish procedures for ensuring that its deposits are adequately secured by each of its depositing institutions on a monthly basis.

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Corrective Action Planned: The Court agrees with the recommendation. We have tried unsuccessfully to get a letter from one of our local banking institutions ensuring that our deposits are adequately secured at all times. We will continue to work on this until we are successful.

Name of Contact Person: Virginia Hester, Court Administrator

Anticipated Completion Date: September 30, 2011